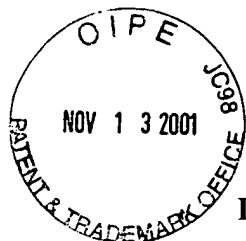


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroaki TAKAYAMA, et al.

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 12, 2001 to November 13, 2001 since November 12, 2001, was a Federal holiday. In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2001, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Obviousness Rejections

The Examiner has maintained the obviousness rejections of claim 3 over Miyamoto and of claim 4 over Barry et al. The Examiner states that Applicants' arguments and reasoning is confusing and it is not clear what is accomplished by the results which were provided.

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